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The remains of RVs and trailer homes litter an inlet and mangroves after the passage of Hurricane Ian, along San Carlos Boulevard in Fort Myers Beach, Fla., Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022..

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Feds vow major aid for Hurricane Ian victims amid rescues

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Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — With the death toll from Hurricane Ian rising and hundreds of thousands of people without power in Florida and the Carolinas, U.S. officials vowed Sunday to unleash an unprecedented amount of federal

disaster aid as crews scrambled to rescue people still trapped by floodwaters. Days after Ian tore through central Florida, carving a deadly path of destruction into the Carolinas, water levels continued to rise in some flooded areas, inundating homes and streets that were passable just a day or two earlier.

With branches strewn across the grounds of St. Hillary's Episcopal Church in Ft. Myers, the Rev. Charles Cannon recognized the immense loss during his Sunday sermon but also gave thanks for what remained. That included the church's stained-glass windows and steeple.

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"People think they have lost everything, but you haven't lost everything if you haven't lost yourself," he said.

Deanne Criswell, administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, said the federal government was ready to help in a huge way, focusing first on victims in Florida, which took the brunt of one of the strongest storms to make landfall in the United States. President Joe Biden and first lady Jill Biden plan to visit the state on Wednesday.

Flooded roadways and washed-out bridges to barrier islands left many people isolated amid limited cell-phone service and a lack



The bridge leading from Fort Myers to Pine Island, Fla., is seen heavily damaged in the aftermath of Hurricane Ian on Pine Island, Fla., Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022.

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of basic amenities such as water, electricity and the internet. And officials warned that the situation in many areas isn't expected

to improve for several days because all of the rain that fell has nowhere to go since waterways are overflowing.

Nearly 850,000 homes and businesses were still without electricity Sunday, down from a peak of 2.67 million. Criswell told "Fox News Sunday" that the federal government began to arrange the "largest amount of search and rescue assets that I think we've ever put in place before" to supplement Florida's resources. Even so, recovery will take time, said Criswell, who visited the state on Friday and Saturday to assess the damage and talk to survivors. She cautioned that dangers remain.

"We worry a lot about the direct impacts from the storm itself as it is making landfall, but we see so many more injuries and sometimes more fatalities after the storm," Criswell said. "People need to stay vigilant right now. Standing water brings with it all kinds of hazards — it has debris, it could have power lines, it could have hazards in there that you just don't know about."

At least 54 people have been confirmed dead: 47 in Florida, four in North Carolina and three in Cuba. The weakened storm drifted north on Sunday and was expected to dump rain on parts of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and southern Pennsylvania, according to the National Hurricane Center, which warned of the potential for flash-flooding.

More than 1,000 people have been rescued from flooded areas along Florida's southwestern coast alone, Daniel Hokanson, a four-star general and head of the National Guard, told The Associated Press. In rural Seminole County, north of Orlando, residents donned waders, boots and bug spray to paddle to their flooded homes on Sunday.

Ben Bertat found 4 inches (10 centimeters) of water in his house by Lake Harney after kayaking there.

"I think it's going to get worse because all of this water has to get to the lake" said Bertat, pointing to the water flooding a nearby road. "With ground

saturation, all this swamp is full and it just can't take any more water. It doesn't look like it's getting any lower."

Gabriel Madling kayaked through several feet of water on his street, delivering sandbags to stave off water that had crept to his doorstep.

"My home is close to underwater," Madling said. "Right now, I'm just going to sandbag as much as I can and hope and pray."

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said Saturday that multimillionaire businessman Elon Musk was providing some 120 Starlink satellites to "help bridge some of the communication issues." Starlink, a satellite-based internet system created by Musk's SpaceX, will provide high-speed connectivity.

The bridge to Pine Island, the largest barrier island off Florida's Gulf Coast, was destroyed by the storm, leaving it accessible only by boat or air. Some flew out by helicopter.

An aerial photo of the Mad Hatter Restaurant on nearby Sanibel Island that was posted on social media shows a mostly vacant patch of sand where the restaurant used to be. The staff is safe, according to a message on the restaurant's Facebook page.

"The Mad Hatter Restaurant, unfortunately, is out at sea right now," the Facebook page reads.

"The best news from this devastating scene is that there is still land for us to rebuild."

Fort Myers Mayor Kevin Anderson on Sunday defended Lee County officials from accusations that they had been slow in ordering evacuations on Tuesday ahead of the storm, a day later than some other counties in the area did.

"Warnings for hurricane season start in June. So there's a degree of personal responsibility here. I think the county acted appropriately. The thing is, a certain percentage of people will not heed the warnings regardless," Anderson said on the CBS show "Face the Nation." □

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Venezuela releases 7 jailed Americans; U.S. frees 2 prisoners

By ERIC TUCKER and JOSH-
UA GOODMAN

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a rare softening of hostile relations, the White House said Saturday that Venezuela freed seven Americans imprisoned in the South American country and the United States released two nephews of President Nicholas Maduro's wife who had been jailed for years on drug smuggling convictions.

The swap of the Americans, including five oil executives held for nearly five years, is the largest trade of detained citizens ever carried out by the Biden administration.

"These individuals will soon be reunited with their families and back in the arms of their loved ones where they belong," President Joe Biden said in a statement. "Today, after years of being wrongfully detained in Venezuela, we are bringing home" the seven men, whom the president cited by name. "We celebrate that seven families will be whole once more."

The White House said Biden had spoken with the families and that the men were in stable health and have been offered a range of support services, including medical care.

Maduro's government said in a statement that it was releasing the American citizens as a humanitarian gesture. It praised the diplomacy that resulted in the freeing of the two "unjustly imprisoned" Venezuelans imprisoned in the United States and said it "hopes for the preservation of peace and harmony with all the nations of our region and the world."

The exchange amounts to an unusual gesture of goodwill by Maduro as the socialist leader looks to rebuild relations with the U.S. after vanquishing most of his domestic opponents. The deal follows months of back channel diplomacy by Washington's top hostage negotiator and other U.S. officials — secretive talks with a major oil producer that took on greater

urgency after sanctions on Russia put pressure on global energy prices.

The transfer took place in a country between the U.S. and Venezuela after the men in the deal arrived in separate planes, the Biden administration said.

Those freed include five employees of Houston-based Citgo — Tomeu Vadell, Jose Luis Zambrano, Alirio Zambrano, Jorge Toledo and Jose Pereira — who were lured to Venezuela right before Thanksgiving in 2017 to attend a meeting at the headquarters of the company's parent, state-run-oil giant PDVSA.

Once there, they were hauled away by masked security agents who busted into a Caracas conference room.

"I can't believe it," said Vadell's daughter, Cristina, when contacted in Houston by The Associated Press. Holding back tears of joy on her 31st birthday, she said: "This is the best birthday present ever. I'm just so happy."

Also released was Matthew Heath, a former U.S. Marine corporal from Tennessee who was arrested in 2020 at a roadblock in Venezuela on what the State Department has called "specious" weapons charges, and Florida man, Osman Khan, who was arrested in January.

The United States freed Franqui Flores and his cousin Efrain Campo nephews of "First Combatant" Cilia Flores, as Maduro has called his wife. The men were arrested in Haiti in a Drug Enforcement Administration sting in 2015 and immediately taken to New York to face trial.

They were convicted the following year in a highly charged case that cast a hard look at U.S. accusations of drug trafficking at the highest levels of Maduro's administration.

Both men were granted clemency by Biden before the release.

The Biden administration has been under pressure to do more to bring home the roughly 60 Americans it

believes are held hostage abroad or wrongfully detained by hostile foreign governments. While much of the focus is on Russia, where the U.S. has so far tried unsuccessfully to secure the release of WNBA star Brittney Griner and another American, Paul Whelan, Venezuela has been holding the largest contingent of Americans suspected of being used as bargaining chips.

At least four other Americans remain detained in Venezuela, including two former Green Berets involved in a slapdash attempt to oust Maduro in 2019, and two other men who, like Khan, were detained for allegedly entering the country illegally from neighboring Colombia. □



This undated file photo posted on Twitter on June 18, 2020, by Venezuela's Foreign Minister Jorge Arreaza, shows CITGO oil executives Jose Angel Pereira, from left to right, Gustavo Cardenas, Jorge Toledo, Jose Luis Zambrano, Tomeu Vadell and Alirio Jose Zambrano, standing outside the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service, in Caracas, Venezuela.

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Man accused of killing 22 older women goes on trial again

By **JAMIE STENGLE**

Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — After Mary Brooks was found dead on the floor of her Dallas-area condo, grocery bags from a shopping trip still on her countertop, authorities decided the 87-year-old had died of natural causes. Even after her family discovered jewelry was missing — including a coral necklace she loved and diamond rings — it took an attack on another woman weeks later for police to reconsider.

The next capital murder trial for Billy Chemirmir, 49, begins Monday in Dallas in the death of Brooks, one of 22 older women he is charged with killing. The charges against Chemirmir grew in the years following his 2018 arrest, as police across the Dallas area reexamined the deaths of older people that had been considered natural, even though families raised alarm bells about missing jewelry. Four indictments were added this summer.

Chemirmir, who maintains his innocence, was convicted in April of capital murder in the smothering death of 81-year-old Lu Thi Harris and sentenced to life in prison without parole. He will receive the same



Accused serial killer Billy Chemirmir looks back during his retrial on April 25, 2022, at Frank Crowley Courts Building in Dallas.

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punishment if convicted in Brooks' death. His first trial in Harris' death ended in a mistrial last November when the jury deadlocked. Loren Adair Smith, whose 91-year-old mother is among those Chemirmir is charged with killing, will be among the many relatives of victims attending the trial, which, she said, brings a "huge bag of mixed feelings."

"At the same time of having that dread feeling, we are really glad to go back and bring this chapter to a close," Smith said.

It was Mary Annis Bartel's survival of a March 2018 attack that set Chemirmir's

arrest in motion. Bartel, 91 at the time, told police that a man had forced his way into her apartment at an independent living community for seniors, tried to smother her with a pillow and took her jewelry.

Before Bartel died in 2020, she described the attack in a taped interview that was played at Chemirmir's previous trials. She said the minute she opened her door and saw a man wearing green rubber gloves, she knew she was in "grave danger."

Police said they found Chemirmir the next day in the parking lot of his apartment complex. He was

holding jewelry and cash, and had just thrown away a large red jewelry box. Documents in the box led them to the home of Harris, who was found dead in her bedroom, lipstick smeared on her pillow.

At trial, prosecutors presented evidence that Harris and Chemirmir were checking out at the same time at a Walmart just hours before she was found dead.

In a video interview with police, Chemirmir told a detective that he made money by buying and selling jewelry, and that he had also worked as a caregiver and a security guard. Most of Chemirmir's alleged victims lived in apartments at independent living communities for older people. The women he's accused of killing in private homes include the widow of a man he had cared for while working as an at-home caregiver.

Brooks' grandson, David Cuddihee, testified that he found her body on Jan. 31, 2018. He said she had sometimes used a cane but was still healthy and active.

"She would walk to church, she would walk to the dentist down the street," Cuddihee said.

Police testified that grocery receipts showed Brooks was at Walmart the day before her body was found. Surveillance video from the store showed a vehicle matching the description of Chemirmir's leaving just after Brooks, going in the same direction.

Dallas County District Attorney John Creuzot, a Democrat, decided to seek life sentences rather than the death penalty when he tried Chemirmir on two of his 13 capital murder cases in the county. His Republican opponent has criticized that decision as he seeks reelection in the nation's busiest death penalty state.

In an interview with The Dallas Morning News, Creuzot said he's not against the death penalty, but among things he considers when deciding whether to pursue it are the time it takes before someone is executed, the costs of appeals and whether the person would still be a danger to society behind bars.

Chemirmir, he added, is "going to die in the penitentiary."

Prosecutors in neighboring Collin County haven't said if they will try any of their nine capital murder cases against Chemirmir. □

Archives: Records from Trump WH staffers remain missing

By **FARNOUSH AMIRI**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Archives and Records Administration informed lawmakers that a number of electronic communications from Trump White House staffers remain missing, nearly two years since the administration was required to turn them over.

The nation's record-keeping agency, in a letter Friday to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, said that despite an ongoing effort by staff, electronic communications between certain unidentified White House of-

ficials were still not in their custody.

"While there is no easy way to establish absolute accountability, we do know that we do not have custody of everything we should," Debra Steidel Wall, the acting U.S. archivist, wrote in a letter to Oversight Chairwoman Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y. The letter went on to specify that the National Archives would consult with the Justice Department about how to move forward and recover "the records unlawfully removed."

It has been widely reported that officials in Presi-

dent Donald Trump's White House used non-official electronic messaging accounts throughout his four years in office. The Presidential Records Act, which says that such records are government property and must be preserved, requires staff to copy or forward those messages into their official electronic messaging accounts.

The agency says that while it has been able to obtain these records from some former officials, a number remain outstanding. The Justice Department has already pursued records from one former Trump official, Peter Navarro, who



President Donald Trump speaks at the White House in Washington, on Nov. 5, 2020.

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prosecutors accused of using at least one "non-official" email account — a ProtonMail account — to send and receive emails while he worked as the president's trade adviser. The legal action in Au-

gust came just weeks after Navarro was indicted on criminal charges after refusing to cooperate with a congressional investigation into the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol. □

Israeli leader welcomes U.S. plan for sea border with Lebanon

By JOSEF FEDERMAN

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's prime minister on Sunday welcomed a U.S. proposal for setting the maritime border with Lebanon, saying the American plan for resolving a long-running dispute between the neighboring countries would lift Israel's economy and boost regional security.

Prime Minister Yair Lapid said the proposal was delivered over the weekend to both Israel and Lebanon. While he said it was still being studied, he said the plan would strengthen Israel's northern areas near the Lebanese border, allow Israel to produce additional natural gas and deliver new revenues to the national coffers.

"This is a deal that strengthens Israel's security and Israel's economy," Lapid told his Cabinet.

He also said Israel would not oppose the development of "an additional Lebanese gas field" straddling the maritime border, as long as Israel receives "the share we deserve." He said this would weaken Lebanon's dependence on Iran, restrain the Hezbollah militant group and promote regional stability.

He said the deal was being reviewed by legal and defense officials before it is to be voted upon by the government. Israeli media said a vote could take place Thursday. On Saturday, the proposal was also delivered to Lebanese leaders. Israeli opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu, under whom the negotiations began in 2020 and who is hoping to return to power in November elections, said he opposed the emerging deal and wouldn't be bound by it if reelected. Lapid, the country's caretaker premier, is hoping to fend off Netanyahu in the polls.

"Lapid has no mandate to give sovereign territory and sovereign assets that belong to all of us to an enemy state," Netanyahu said. Lebanon and Israel have been officially at war since Israel's creation in 1948 and both countries claim some 860 square kilometers (330 square miles) of the Mediterranean Sea.

Amos Hochstein, a senior adviser for energy security at the U.S. State Department who has been mediating between the two neighbors, last visited Beirut in September, where he expressed optimism after meeting with Lebanon's



In this photo released by Lebanon's official government photographer Dalati Nohra, Lebanese president Michel Aoun, left, meets with U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon Dorothy Shea, at the Presidential Palace in Baabda, east of Beirut, Lebanon, Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022.

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leaders.

Lebanon's parliament speaker, Nabi Berri, said in an interview with the London-based Asharq Al-Awsat newspaper Saturday the proposal "in principle meets the Lebanese demands."

Lebanon hopes to unleash offshore oil and gas production as it grapples with the worst economic crisis in its modern history, plunging three-quarters of its population into poverty.

A Lebanese official who attended the talks last month told The Associated Press that the proposal put forward by the U.S. envoy

gives Lebanon the right to the Qana field, located partially in Israel's domain. A part of it stretches deep into a disputed area. The official added that the main point now is how to draw the demarcation line in a way that stretches south of Qana. Lapid's comments appeared to be a reference to the emerging agreement over Qana. Israel set up a gas rig at its designated location at the Karish field. Israel says the field is part of its U.N.-recognized exclusive economic zone, while Lebanon insists Karish is in a disputed area. □

9 NATO members urge support for Ukraine after annexation



In this photo provided by the Ukrainian Presidential Press Office, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, center, alongside Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, right, and the head of Verkhovna Rada (Supreme Council of Ukraine) Ruslan Stefanchuk, holds an application for "accelerated accession to NATO" in Kyiv, Ukraine, Friday Sept. 30, 2022.

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PRAGUE (AP) — The heads of nine European NATO members on Sunday issued

a joint statement backing a path to membership for Ukraine in the U.S.-led secu-

rity alliance, and calling on all 30 NATO nations to ramp up military aid for Kyiv.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy made a surprise move Friday to apply for fast-track NATO membership, in response to Russia's annexation of four regions of Ukraine.

NATO membership needs approval from all 30 members and Ukraine is unlikely to join anytime soon. Being a country already at war complicates the request. The nine NATO countries in Central and Eastern Europe fearful that Russia could target them next if it isn't stopped in Ukraine urged a response to the annexation.

The leaders of Czechia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, North Macedonia, Monte-

negro, Poland, Romania and Slovakia published a statement on their websites Sunday saying: "We support Ukraine in its defense against Russia's invasion, demand (that Russia) immediately withdraw from all the occupied territories and encourage all allies to substantially increase their military aid to Ukraine."

It said the leaders "firmly stood behind the 2008 Bucharest NATO Summit decision concerning Ukraine's future membership." At the 2008 summit, NATO members welcomed Ukraine and Georgia's aspirations to join, but declined to provide a clear timeline for the two countries' possible ascension. Sunday's letter didn't mention a timeline, either. □

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Mediator: Ousted Burkina Faso leader offers resignation

By **SAM MEDNICK and AR-SENE KABORE**

Associated Press

OUAGADOUGOU, Burkina Faso (AP) —

Burkina Faso's ousted coup leader has offered his resignation as long as his security and other conditions were met, and the new junta leader who overthrew him has accepted the deal, religious leaders mediating the West African nation's latest political crisis said Sunday.

A junta spokesman later announced on state television that their leader, Capt. Ibrahim Traore, officially has been named head of state following the Friday coup that ousted Lt. Col. Paul Henri Sandaogo Damiba.

Their power grab marked Burkina Faso's second military coup this year, deepening fears that the political chaos could divert attention from an Islamic insurgency whose violence has killed thousands and forced 2 million to flee their homes. It followed unrest in Ouagadougou, the capital, in which mobs on Saturday attacked the French embassy and other French-related sites, wrongly believing that they were sheltering Damiba.

Along with agreeing not to harm or prosecute him, Damiba also asked Traore and the new junta leadership to respect the commit-



In this image from video broadcast by RTB state television, coup spokesman Capt. Kiswendsida Farouk Azaria Sorgho reads a statement in a studio in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on Friday evening, Sept. 30, 2022.

Associated Press

ments already made to the West African regional bloc ECOWAS. Damiba, who came to power in a coup last January, had recently reached an agreement to hold an election by 2024.

"President Paul Henri Sandaogo Damiba proposed his own resignation in order to avoid clashes," said Hamidou Yameogo, a spokesman for the mediation efforts.

Traore accepted the conditions, religious leaders said, but there was no immediate confirmation by Damiba himself of an official resignation.

His whereabouts have re-

mained unknown since the Friday night coup.

Amid the mediation, the new junta leadership also called for an end to the unrest.

In a statement broadcast on state television, junta spokesman Capt. Kiswendsida Farouk Azaria Sorgho called on people to "desist from any act of violence and vandalism" especially those against the French Embassy or the French military base.

Anti-French sentiment rose sharply after the new junta alleged that interim president Damiba was sheltering at a French military base

following his ouster. France vehemently denied the allegation, but soon protesters with torches thronged the perimeter of the French Embassy in Ouagadougou. Saturday's violence was condemned by the French Foreign Ministry, which denied any involvement in the rapidly developing events. French Institutes in Ouagadougou and the country's second-largest city, Bobo-Dioulasso, had also been targeted and French citizens were urged to be very cautious.

"The situation is very volatile in Burkina Faso," a French spokeswoman told The As-

sociated Press on Sunday. Damiba came to power in January promising to secure the country from jihadi violence.

However, the situation only deteriorated as jihadis imposed blockades on towns and have intensified attacks.

Last week, at least 11 soldiers were killed and 50 civilians went missing after a supply convoy was attacked by gunmen in Gaskinde commune in the Sahel. The group of officers led by Traore said Friday that Damiba had failed and was being removed.

To some in Burkina Faso's military, Damiba also was seen as too cozy with former colonizer France, which maintains a military presence in Africa's Sahel region to help countries fight Islamic extremists.

Some who support the new coup leader, Traore, have called on Burkina Faso's government to seek Russian support instead. Outside the state broadcaster on Sunday, supporters of Traore were seen cheering and waving Russian flags.

In neighboring Mali, the coup leader has invited Russian mercenaries from the Wagner Group to help with security, a move that has drawn global condemnation and accusations of human rights abuses. □

Yemen's warring sides fail to extend UN-backed truce



A military parade displaying Houthi forces and weapons moves through a main street of Sanaa, Yemen, on Sept. 21, 2022. Yemen's warring parties face a deadline to renew a 6-month-long truce on Sunday, Oct. 2.

Associated Press

By **AHMED AL-HAJ**

Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — The United Nations said Sunday that negotiations be-

tween Yemen's warring sides failed to extend a nationwide cease-fire, after an agreement was not reached before a deadline

on Oct. 2. In a statement, the U.N.'s envoy to Yemen called on all sides to refrain from acts of provocation as the talks continue.

The development dampens hopes that the 6-month-old ceasefire could turn into a longer peace.

The truce, which initially took effect in April, is the longest lull of fighting in Yemen's civil war, now in its eighth year. The devastating conflict began in 2014, when the Iranian-backed Houthis seized the capital of Sanaa and much of northern Yemen and forced the government into exile.

In a statement, U.N. envoy for Yemen Hans Grundberg said he "regrets that an

agreement has not been reached today," but thanks the internationally recognized government for "engaging positively" with the U.N.-drafted proposal to extend the cease-fire. He called on leaders to continue to endeavor to reach an agreement.

"I urge them to fulfill their obligation to the Yemeni people to pursue every avenue for peace," he said. April's truce had originally established a partial opening of the Sanaa airport and the Red Sea port of Hodeida. The ensuing months have seen regular flights start again from the capital's airport to Jordan and Egypt. It also called for

lifting a Houthi blockade on Taiz, the country's third largest city.

But little progress has been made there, after talks aimed at reopening local roads stalled. Another sticking point is how salaries of public employees will be funded, many of whom have not been compensated for years.

Sunday's statement came a few days after Grundberg met in Sanaa with the top leader of the Houthis, Abdel-Malek al-Houthi, and other senior officials, who have been pushing for a full opening of the airport. The envoy warned last week that the risk of return to war was "real." □



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Minister of Economic Affairs met with Chamber of Commerce Regarding latest developments for Aruba's economy

ORANJESTAD – Last Thursday, the 29th of September a monthly meeting took place between the Chamber of Commerce of Aruba (KvK) and the Aruban minister of Economic Affairs, Communication and Sustainable Development, mr. Geoffrey Wever.

During this meeting, information was shared on the latest developments for the economy of Aruba as a whole, keeping close ties with stakeholders in order to guide our economy in

the right direction.

During the meeting, they discussed the new Vestigingsbeleid (location policy for businesses), announced last week, as well aspects touching on the introduction of an increase on the BBO (Belasting op bedrijfssomzetten, tax on business turnover) regarding the ongoing fiscal reform. At the same time, they elaborated on the fact that starting January 2023, the UBO-Register in Aruba will begin. This is the Ultimate Benefi-

cial Owner Register, which will be introduced in order to ensure that Aruba continues complying with international recommendations from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

FATF is an international organization which monitors criminal activities of money laundering and financing for terrorism and proliferation. The law regarding the introduction of UBO-Register passed Parliament a few months ago, and currently this is being coordi-



nated together with the Chamber of Commerce in order to define the last details before the introduction date of 1st of January 2023. □

Poster and information book on baby care and protection presented to care centers

ORANJESTAD – Last weekend the presentation of an information book and poster on baby care and protection was presented to leaders of care centers, at Boulevard Events Aruba. Aruba has the Platform Safety in the Care of Children, which is in charge of creating a safer environment of awareness and prevention at care centers for children – known as crèche - for all babies between 6 and 12 months of age.

This platform is lead by Mrs. Noemi Maduro. Mrs. Maduro, as is known, went

through a horrible situation in which she lost her son, baby Noah who passed away at a care center.

Prime Minister of Aruba, Evelyn Wever-Croes represented minister of Justice and Social Affairs, Mr. Rocco Tjon at the event.

The information poster contains ten points of awareness, and the book contains information that can help care centers for children in being more effecting in the care of our children. This is a beautiful initiative of Noemi Maduro and the Platform. Oftentimes, the care



centers perhaps are not well equipped with all the current information, for this reason, foundations, organizations and this Platform are ready to help and lend a hand to make care centers safe and provide reassurance to parents.

"Our youngest children deserve to be in a safe environment. And it is the responsibility of each citizen to create this environment for them. This is the commitment of the Wever-Croes II Cabinet", the prime minister emphasized.

Currently, the project for the care centers is in exe-

cution. Relevant stakeholders will be involved, as well as the care centers. This is a very long and very diverse trajectory, which will focus on educational and infrastructural aspects. Fundacion pa nos Muchanan (Foundation for our Children) has a very important role in the educational as-

pect. The introduction of this will be done in phases, taking into consideration the specific situation of each care center.

The prime minister thanked the platform for their effort and work to elevate the security for our children at the care centers. □



Guests were in good hands for special collaboration dinner at Infini

Chef Jason Howard joined chef Urvin Croes for a unique event

ORANJESTAD – Last month, for three nights only, food lovers were treated to a unique four hands dinner at Infini Aruba with chef Urvin Croes and guest chef Jason Howard. The menu exploded with the highest level of Caribbean cuisine with the perfect wine pairings to create an unforgettable experience.

Chef Jason Howard, born in Barbados but currently based in London, was invited by Infini's creator, chef Urvin Croes to join forces to present very lucky guests with a unique taste of Caribbean flavors.

Howard flew to Aruba especially to take part in the four hands dinner.

"We knew each other on social media, basically looking at one another's food", Howard commented. "To be honest it's quite refreshing to find another chef that actually pushes the cuisine at the level that chef Urvin is. It was nice to see that there is someone else out who is pushing the Caribbean flavors."

The menu for the four hands dinner consisted of eight courses, expertly paired with wines.

The dinner was presented with alternating dishes by each chef, starting with Amuses by chef Croes, which included Johnny Cake, Banana Bread, and Annato Tartlet, paired with a delicious Famiglia Pasqua Romeo & Juliet Prosecco Rosé.



The dishes presented by chef Howard included fresh Snapper paired with El Enemigo Chardonnay. "I had it to be pan-seared, but the quality of Snapper on the island is so beautiful, I said no, we can't really tarnish that skin. So we basically steamed it in some lemon juice, we saved the fish broth and the bones, with some Scotch Bonnet oil that I brewed when I came in, and it was lightly torched. And with that we have some braised cabbage in Scotch bonnet", he explained. The cabbage was a hit with the diners, with many wanting to know more about the technique used for the marinating and braising, which gave it a particularly delicious flavor.

The concept of Infini is that of a chef's table, with seating around the serving table in a cozy environment with a privileged view of the cooking. This experience was precious even for chef Howard. "This is my dream, to be this intimate with the guests, to be speaking with the guests and have them see us finishing food, to prepare the food in front of them. So for me, this is a standard that I would like to get to, but I really was pushed to get to this standard of cuisine as well."

As for surprising Aruban flavors discov-

ered by Howard on the island, he said: "To see how the island uses cornmeal, and different types of cornmeal. We use cornmeal in Barbados, our national dish called Cou-cou, but to see here how simply cornmeal is used, and how delicious it is, it gives me something to work on as well. It was also amazing to see Dutch culture blended in the island as well, and all of this is something that gave me a lot of inspiration." And chef Urvin also found surprising elements through his exchange with Howard. "Basically how I do my sauces", Howard said. "My sauces are not anything that is taken from any cuisine anywhere else. There is a sauce I invented myself." His sauce technique is based on Barbadian cuisine, and this influence is also felt throughout his dishes in his unapologetic use of the Scotch Bonnet. "When [Croes] saw the sauce, it was something that he was very excited about. We've shared and bounced ideas off one another."

The event was planned twice and had to be cancelled twice because of the pandemic, and both those times it had sold-out. But third time was the charm, and the dinner finally took place with eagerly awaiting fans.

"People have been very encouraging on social media. Aruba is an island I never would've imagined was so culinary-inclined. Every place I've eaten here, the food has been amazing." Howard also had compliments for the level of service on Aruba. "I've had service all over the world, and I would say that Aruba has the service standard that a lot of other islands would actually long for."

From the sourdough bread, Chef Howard's Amberjack to the beautifully plated Flower of chef Croes, guests enjoyed lamb, duck, and finished with a double-dose of dessert, with Croes' black cake, a take on a traditional Aruban favorite, and Howard's plantain soufflé, with a mind-bending sweet potato coffee shot, a delightful experience to remember. □





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Innovative project National Archives Aruba to make our cultural heritage more accessible



Oranjestad - On September 28, 2022, the International Day for Universal Access to Information, the Minister of Culture Xiomara Maduro attended a presentation from the National Archives of Aruba (ANA) and the National Library of Aruba (BNA) regarding the preservation of our cultural heritage.

The project entails the restoration, digitalization, and accessibility of the Colonial Archive of the period 1816-1939.

With the funds of, amongst others Mondriaanfonds, ANA is implementing a project that narrates a part of Aruba's history that many are unaware of. ANA uses modern technology to digitalize the colonial archives, namely Optical Charac-



ter Recognition OCR and Handwritten Text Recognition HTR which significantly facilitate the search for information.

This innovation is helpful for users, namely students preparing a class presentation or writing a research paper on the history of Aruba since they can access this information rapidly.

It is essential to know our history since it enables us to understand our past and

focus on the future. All the efforts to conserve restore and archive documents are of great value to our collective memory. This innovative ANA project provides information on our past via the internet. This way, ANA facilitates this essential information to all those interested.

Minister Maduro thanks the personnel of ANA, BNA, Mondriaanfonds, and other organizations that funded this project. □

Reginald de Palm participates in the group' exposition Primary Colors

Oranjestad - The National Library of Aruba informs that Reginald (Quake) de Palm also participates in the group exposition at the library titled: Primary Colors.

The group presents an art collection in yellow, with 18 artists and artisans participating in this exposition.

Reginald (Quake) de Palm, visual artist, and author, is known for his stories, adult poetry, paintings, and murals. He published three books, one titled Rendezvous: In San Nicolas and two poems collections: 'Kita paña fo'i cabuya' and 'Mi tin dos: buki di poesia'. His books are part of the library collection.

Reginald (legal expert as profession) likes to express himself in music, writing, and painting since a very young age. He is in Aruba for a few days and participates in the group exposition. He was born in Aruba, and his parents are from Bonaire and Curacao. He lived on all three islands.

His exposition is open to the public on Friday, October 7, 2022. □







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Another Treasure of Aruba's Beaches: Sea Glass!

NOORD - It is hard to imagine this happening today, but years ago people dumped all kinds of refuse straight into the ocean, including old cars, and their household garbage, which of course included lots of glass. Over the next 30 years the pounding waves cleaned the beach, by breaking down everything but glass and pottery. The pounding waves washed the trash up and down, back and forth. Tons of polished, broken glass pieces were created by the pounding surf. These smoothened, colored glass particles then settled along the sea shore in millions, and that is why you can find these beautiful and colorful pieces on the north shore beaches of Aruba.



Especially on the strip on white sand between the famous "Natural Bridge" and the huge red anchor close to "Grapefield" beach you will be able to find your own pieces of sea glass. The sea glass that was created is the product of a very long and interesting process. It can take anywhere from 10 to 30 years to make sea glass. The name for any piece of glass that finds its way to the ocean and tumbles around in the water long enough is "Sea glass."

The colorful pieces of glass are being used for decoration, handcrafts and jew-

elry!

Once glass makes its way into the ocean, the glass is broken up into shards and is tumbled around in the water, where sand and other rocks act like sandpaper to smooth out its rough edges. Sometimes as the sea glass is passed through fire, it becomes fire glass, the rarest of sea glass with certain inclusions, just like precious gems.

For years, the water beat against the different kinds of trash being dumped. Glass, household appliances and even motor parts were discarded on the beach. The waves and

weather conditions wore down the overwhelming amount of garbage in the water, creating millions of beautiful smooth rocks.

It's hard to believe the short-sighted mistakes we were making that could have potentially ruined these beautiful beaches. But thanks to natural processes, the ocean transformed the trash into the sea glass.

Each colored gem on the beach has its own story.

The ruby red glass stones are typically from old car tail-lights.

Then, the sapphire rocks are the remnants of broken apothecary bottles. The most common and the easiest to find are the brown (Amstel & Polar beer), green (Heineken & Balashi beer) and clear glass which are the soft much loved "soft drink" bottles.

If you like to see the sea glass for yourself, and be in awe of the power of nature, rent a car or jeep and go explore our deserted beaches on the north side of the island. Make it a fun family day!

Even if we didn't mean to pollute the Beaches how

we did, it is inspiring to see just how the earth can correct our mistakes.

Funny, how trash can change into treasures!

Everybody knows that you are not allowed to take local shells home, but the people working at the airport have no problem you taking sea glass home. A few of those pieces make great souvenirs. You can place them in a wine glass or large bottle for decoration and every time you look at it a smile will light up your face thinking back of your unforgettable Aruba vacation! ☐



After almost two years, Quota International of Aruba is back with its Fundraising Picnic Dansant

ORANJESTAD – During a press conference last week, the president of Quota International of Aruba for 2022-2023, Luzina de Greef said that the organization is organizing their Fundraising Picnic Dansant for the month of November.

Having finished their 'Breaking the Silence' week, De Greef commented that it was very successful, with more than a hundred people registered to check their hearing at FEPOH and The Specialist. Quota International of Aruba, as organizers were very glad to see that the Aruban community is becoming more aware about taking care of their hearing.

Ivi Simon, vice-president of FEPOH said that Quota International of Aruba didn't organize any activities during two years because of the pandemic, and right now, with a lot of enthusiasm they are announcing the Picnic Dansant, an activity she said is awaited by many people.

Picnic Dansant will take place on the 27th of November at the Renaissance Conference Center, from 2pm to 5pm. Simon said the theme for this year is 'Back to the 80s', and because a lot of people have been asking how to prepare for this day, she said that they need to prepare a dashing outfit.

To fill the event with rhythm and music, the band Azucar will be present. Simon mentioned there will also be food and drinks, and every fund that is raised on this day will be given back to the community in need of help.

She also said that Quota International of Aruba in the past has made donations of up to 100,000 florins, but because of circumstances, the amounts have been reducing, to reach 40,000 florins. "We want to go back to at least 50,000 florins in fundraising for next year", Simon said.



During the Covid-19 pandemic, FEPOH detected that the demand for hearing care increased in Aruba, they don't know if this is because people stayed at home a lot more because of pandemic rules, or other unknown reasons. What is important is that the organization has been noticing, particularly at school, children and youth whose hearing is not as it should be. For this reason they feel the need to continue giving information on how to take care of hearing, since once a person loses their hearing, they cannot get it back. This happens slowly, and often the person doesn't notice that it's happening. This is why it's very important to check your hearing. They also recommend not using headphones with a high volume.

The organization also said that normally during the carnival season there are campaigns to take care of your ears, but people are not aware of loud sounds for the rest of the year. For example during new year with fireworks, sometimes people stand close and don't notice that it's just as loud as a carnival trailer and can also ruin their hearing. Simon said that all loud sounds are very dam-

aging to hearing, and for this reason, Quota International of Aruba encourages people to be aware of this and prevent irrevocable damage. She explains that loud sounds can be machinery at work in construction or industry, printing and fabrics, and it's for this reason that these workplaces have safety measures in place.

From a young age it is important to take care of hearing and follow all recommendations. This includes not subjecting the ear to very intense sounds in order to avoid auditory

problems and infections, which are considering the second most prevalent cause of hearing loss. A recommendation is to reduce the amount of machinery operating at the same time; keeping electronics at a safe volume; not listening to music with headphones during more than one hour per day, while keeping them at a volume below 60%; use protection when working with sound; dry both ears carefully after shower or going into the pool, to avoid that water gets inside and causes an infection. □



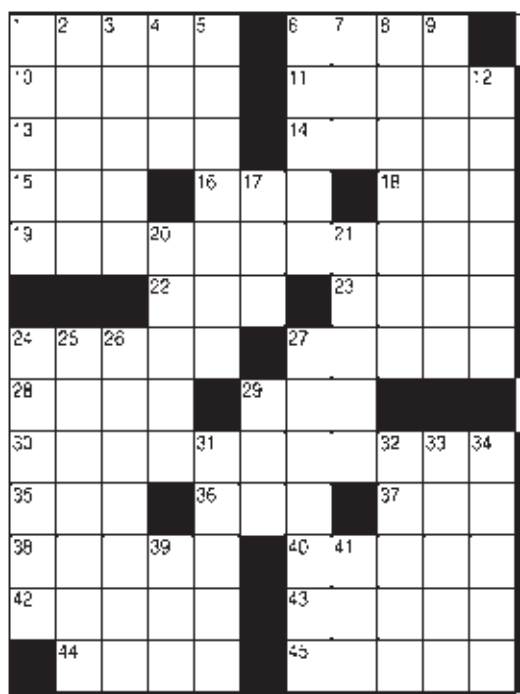
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Saturday's answer



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Saturday's Cryptoquote: I WISH THAT EVERY DAY WAS SATURDAY AND EVERY MONTH WAS OCTOBER. — CHARMINE J. FORDE

In Your Debt: 3 steps to lower the cost of your debt

By SARA RATHNER of Nerd-Wallet

Does the thought of dealing with your debt make you want to go back to bed? More than 1 in 5 Americans (22%) are likely to put off creating a debt payoff plan, according to a June 2022 survey from NerdWallet conducted online by The Harris Poll. That's a lot of procrastination, and it's no wonder why. Facing your debt isn't exactly a fun way to spend an hour. Still, there are actions you can take that will make getting out of debt feel more attainable. And there are ways to lower interest payments, which will save you money as you work toward paying down your balance.

"We see debt as, 'Oh my god, I screwed up.' That is baloney in all caps," says Kate Mielitz, an Olympia, Washington-based accredited financial counselor with a doctorate in personal financial planning. "Americans struggle to pay back debt, struggle to save and struggle to do the things we know are the right thing. We just have to say, 'OK, that was yesterday. What can I do to take one step today?'"

1. FORGIVE YOURSELF FIRST, THEN MAKE A PLAN

The first and most difficult



This Aug. 11, 2019 file photo shows Visa credit cards in New Orleans.

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step is understanding how you got here. When Valerie Rivera, a certified financial planner and founder of FirstGen Wealth in Chicago, works with clients, she helps them go through credit card statements to categorize purchases and look for spending patterns. That makes it easier to create a new spending plan that leaves room for debt repayment.

Here's why this part is essential: It takes you out of autopilot. You may have been making minimum payments on your debts because that's what you felt you could handle. And while that approach does allow you to avoid late fees and knocks to your credit scores, it'll keep you trapped in debt for a much

longer time. If you can shift your spending even slightly, you may be able to afford bigger payments.

If you have \$10,000 in credit card debt at a 17% interest rate and you pay \$150 per month toward your balance, it'll take 17 years (and cost \$20,820 in interest) until you're debt-free. That's assuming you don't add to your debt balance during that time. But if you were able to double your monthly payment to \$300, you'd spend \$3,629 in interest and get out of debt in about four years.

"If you have debt, you're normal. It is possible to get out of it and to face it," Rivera says. "The number-one thing is to face it and give yourself grace in the process." □

Safety deposit boxes headed toward extinction at Chase

By KEN SWEET
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — You'll no longer be able to store your precious coins, jewelry and paperwork at JPMorgan Chase & Co., as the bank has stopped opening new safety deposit boxes for customers.

A spokesman for the bank said Chase decided late last year to stop offering new deposit boxes to customers as a "business decision" but declined to share specifics. Customers who have a box with Chase will be able to keep the box as long as the branch stays open, but they will not be able to open a new one at another location.

Banks long stopped opening up cavernous branches with dozens of teller windows and a vault the size of a one-bedroom apartment. Reflecting the fact that cus-



The JPMorgan Chase & Co. logo is displayed at their headquarters in New York on Oct. 21, 2013.

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tomers may not enter a bank branch for months at a time, most branches are now designed to be small, with multiple ATMs, as well as breakout spaces so bankers can one-on-one interactions with customers when needed. Chase's newest branches have not vaults for some time. □

Nobel season is here: 5 things to know about the prizes



A national library employee shows the gold Nobel Prize medal awarded to the late novelist Gabriel Garcia Marquez, in Bogota, Colombia.

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COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — The beginning of October means Nobel Prize season. Six days, six prizes, new faces from around the globe added to the world's most elite roster of scientists, writers, economists and human rights leaders. This year's Nobel season kicks off Monday with the medicine award, followed by daily announcements: physics on Tuesday, chemistry on Wednesday and literature on Thursday. The 2022 Nobel Peace Prize will be announced on Friday and the economics award on Oct. 10.

Here are five other things to know about the coveted prizes:

WHO CREATED THE NOBEL PRIZES?

The prizes in medicine, physics, chemistry, literature and peace were established by the will of Alfred Nobel, a wealthy Swedish industrialist and the inventor of dynamite. The first awards were handed out in 1901, five years

after Nobel's death. Each prize is worth 10 million kronor (nearly \$900,000) and will be handed out with a diploma and gold medal on Dec. 10 -- the date of Nobel's death in 1896. The economics award -- officially known as the Bank of Sweden Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel -- wasn't created by Nobel, but by Sweden's central bank in 1968. Between 1901 and 2021, the Nobel Prizes and the prize in economic sciences have been awarded 609 times.

WHO KNOWS WHO WILL WIN AND WHY?

The Nobel statutes prohibit the judges from discussing their deliberations for 50 years. So it's probably going to be a while before we know for sure how judges made their picks for 2022 and who was on their short lists.

The judges try hard to avoid dropping hints about the winners before the announcements, but some-

times word gets out. Bookies in Europe sometimes offer odds on possible peace prize and literature Nobel winners.

WHO CAN NOMINATE A CANDIDATE?

Thousands of people around the world are eligible to submit nominations for the Nobel Prizes. They include university professors, lawmakers, previous Nobel laureates and the committee members themselves.

Although the nominations are kept secret for 50 years, those who submit them sometimes announce their suggestions publicly, particularly for the Nobel Peace Prize.

WHAT ABOUT THE NORWEGIAN CONNECTION?

The Nobel Peace Prize is presented in Norway

while the other awards are handed out in Sweden. That's how Alfred Nobel wanted it. His exact reasons are unclear but during his lifetime Sweden and Norway were joined in a union, which was dissolved in 1905. Sometimes relations have been tense between the Nobel Foundation in Stockholm, which manages the prize money, and the fiercely independent peace prize committee in Oslo. □

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Pujols singles, homers to tie Ruth for 2nd in all-time RBIs

By The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Albert Pujols hit his 702nd career home run and tied Babe Ruth for second on the all-time RBI on Sunday, but the Pittsburgh Pirates got the 7-5 win over the St. Louis Cardinals 7-5.

Ben Gamel and Bryan Reynolds homered for Pittsburgh, which has won four of six. Chase DeJong (6-2) got the win for the Pirates. Pujols ripped a two-run double in the opening inning, then tied the game at 4 with a homer in the third. Pujols is tied with Ruth for second in RBI (2,214) behind Aaron (2,297).

Yadier Molina, who like Pujols is retiring after this season, and pitcher Adam Wainwright started their 328th game together. Wainwright (11-12) allowed six runs on six hits over 4 2/3 innings.

PHILLIES 8, NATIONALS 1, 6 INNINGS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Philadelphia Phillies picked up another key victory as they try to end an 11-year playoff drought, using three RBIs apiece from Kyle Schwarber and Bryson Stott, plus Zack Wheeler's five scoreless innings, to beat the Washington Nationals 8-1 Sunday in a rain-shortened game.

The six-inning win helped Philadelphia take three of four from the worst-in-the-majors Nationals to improve to 86-73 after getting to town on a five-game losing streak.

The Phillies and interim manager Rob Thomson began Sunday with a one-game lead over the Milwaukee Brewers for the third and final wild-card berth in the National League. After Sunday, Philadelphia and Milwaukee both have three games left: Philadelphia at Houston, and Milwaukee hosting Arizona. The Phillies hold the tiebreaker over the Brewers if they finish even. Wheeler (12-7) had seven strikeouts and no walks and allowed just two hits: doubles by Ildemaro Vargas in the third and César Hernández in the fifth.

Left-hander Patrick Corbin gave up seven runs and 10



St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols follows through on a solo home run during the third inning of a baseball game against the Pittsburgh Pirates Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022, in St. Louis.

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hits in 4 2/3 innings Sunday, closing this year with a 6-19 record and 6.31 ERA.

ORIOLES 3, YANKEES 1

NEW YORK (AP) — Aaron Judge won't break the American League home run record at Yankee Stadium, remaining at 61 as New York headed on the road for its final four regular-season games after a loss to Baltimore.

Judge struck out three times and walked once, disappointing a crowd of 44,332 that watched the Yankees regular-season home finale in rain for much of a chilly, blustery afternoon.

Trying to become the first Triple Crown winner since Detroit's Miguel Cabrera in 2012, Judge tops the AL with 130 RBIs. His batting average fell to .311, four points behind league leader Luis Arraez of Minnesota. Baltimore (82-77) guaranteed its first winning season since 2016.

Aroldis Chapman (3-4) was once again wild, walking three, including rookie Gunnar Henderson with the bases loaded, as Baltimore surged ahead in the seventh.

Logan Gillaspie (1-0) pitched a scoreless sixth in his first big league decision, Baker struck out five while getting six straight outs, and Dillon Tate got three outs for his fifth save.

BLUE JAYS 6, RED SOX 3

TORONTO (AP) —Teoscar Hernández hit two home runs, Whit Merrifield also connected and Toronto edged closer to clinching home-field advantage in the wild-card round by beating Boston.

The Blue Jays completed a three-game sweep with their 16th win in 19 games against Boston this season. That's the most victories by any major league team against a division opponent this season and the most wins the Blue Jays have had against an opponent in a single season. Blue Jays right-hander Kevin Gausman left after three innings because of a cut on his right middle finger. Gausman allowed two runs and four hits, struck out four and walked none. Right-hander Zach Pop (4-0) pitched two perfect innings. Jordan Romano finished for his 36th save in 42 chances.

Merrifield went 3 for 3 with two RBIs and scored twice. He's 10 for 20 over his past six games.

Bobby Dalbec hit a solo home run and had three RBIs for the Red Sox.

All three Toronto homers came off Boston right-hander Michael Wacha (11-2), who allowed five runs and six hits in four innings and lost for the first time since May 31 against Cincinnati.

ASTROS 3, RAYS 1

HOUSTON (AP) — Jeremy Pena hit an early two-run homer and drove in an insurance run late, lifting Houston over Tampa Bay.

One pitch after Jose Altuve's leadoff bunt single, Pena belted a cutter by Rays starter Corey Kluber (10-10) over the right-field fence and into the home bullpen. That put the Astros ahead early, and Houston maintained that lead with strong pitching and key defensive plays, including Pena's diving stop and throw to deny Ji-Man Choi in the fourth inning.

After homering only once in August, Houston's rookie shortstop has five homers since September and is up to 21 for the season.

Astros starter Luis Garcia (15-8) pitched six innings of one-run ball, allowing three hits and one walk with four strikeouts. Rafael Montero recorded his 14th save.

Kluber gave up six hits and just those two runs across five innings, striking out four.

GUARDIANS 7, ROYALS 5

CLEVELAND (AP) — Shane Bieber allowed two runs over five innings in his final start before the postseason, Josh Naylor and rookie Will Brennan hit three-run homers and Cleveland defeated Kansas City.

Bieber (13-8) is scheduled to start Game 1 of the wild-card series Friday for the AL

Central champions. Cleveland has won 11 of 13 and is an MLB-best 22-5 since Sept. 5. The right-hander gave up both runs — one unearned — in the fourth and scattered seven hits, struck out three, walked one. Bieber finished the regular season with 198 strikeouts in 200 innings. Naylor and Brennan homered off Max Castillo (0-2) in Cleveland's six-run second.

TIGERS 5, TWINS 2

DETROIT (AP) — Eric Haase and Victor Reyes homered, and Detroit took advantage of Minnesota's sloppy play, including three errors in the first inning, for the win. Twins' prospect Simeon Woods Richardson (0-1) is the youngest pitcher in the majors this season allowed three runs — two earned — and three hits in five innings. The Twins' defense did him no favors at the start, committing three errors in the first inning.

The Tigers turned the two throwing errors by catcher Ryan Jeffers and a misplay by first baseman Jose Miranda, along with Miguel Cabrera's single, a wild pitch, a walk and a stolen base, into two runs.

The Twins scored two unearned runs in the fifth. Jeffers reached on a fielding error and scored when Carlos Correa walked with the bases loaded. Nick Gordon's sacrifice fly scored Gilberto Celestino.

Alex Lange (7-4) got the win and Gregory Soto picked up his 30th save with a perfect ninth.

CUBS 8, REDS 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Willson Contreras got several standing ovations in what could be his final home game at Wrigley Field, Marcus Stroman threw six scoreless innings and Chicago won its seventh straight, beating Cincinnati.

Nelson Velázquez drove in four runs and Seiya Suzuki had two hits and two RBIs. The Cubs, aided by three walks and a hit batter, knocked out a Chase Anderson in a five-run first and cruised to their 11th win in 12 games in their Wrigley Field season finale. □

Wilson rallies Jets past Pickett, Steelers 24-20

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — There was no doubt in Zach Wilson's mind. None. And the second-year New York Jets quarterback had no interest in keeping his confidence to himself.

So walking into the huddle late in the fourth quarter on Sunday, the Jets down by three in a place the franchise had won just once in over a half-century of trying, Wilson let it be known he wasn't settling for a field goal and a chance at overtime.

Wilson leaned into the huddle and said simply, as running back Breece Hall put it: "Let's go score a ... touchdown."

Ten plays, 65 yards, a handful of heady throws by Wilson and one outstretched arm by Hall later, the Jets were in the end zone and a franchise that has been running in place for years took another potentially significant step forward with an unlikely 24-20 victory.

"It felt like that was the first time as an offense we didn't feel stagnant, we didn't feel timid," Wilson said. "Everyone was playing fast. Everyone was right on cue with what the calls were. It's so much fun playing like this."

It certainly looked like it as the Jets put together their second massive comeback on the road in three weeks. Last month in Cleveland it was Joe Flacco pulling out an improbable victory in the final seconds while Wilson recovered from a knee injury, suffered during the preseason.

On the first Sunday it was Wilson — the de facto face of New York's latest rebuild — spoiling Kenny Pickett's debut in Pittsburgh by making the kind of plays that came only sporadically if they came at all during his wildly uneven rookie season in 2021.

Wilson expects 2022 to be different. It might just be after he finished 18 of 36 for 252 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions in his first action since August. Wilson

also became the first quarterback in Jets history to catch a touchdown when he hauled in a 2-yard pass from Braxton Berrios in the second quarter in New York's version of the "Philly Special" run by the Eagles in the Super Bowl.

"I've got the best hands on the team," Wilson said with a laugh.

He's joking. Those hands — at least against the Steelers — may have belonged to defensive back Michael Carter II, whose diving interception with 3:34 remaining gave Wilson and company a chance to win for just the second time in 12 visits to Pittsburgh since 1970.

Wilson then calmly hit on each of his next five passes to put Hall in position to win it.

The last two of the rookie back's 66 yards rushing came with his ever-churning legs bringing him close enough to the end zone that he was able to extend the ball across the goal line. Referees initially ruled Hall fumbled, a call that was overturned when replay showed Hall broke the plane before the ball squirted free.

"We've always got that fight," Hall said. "You know, we feel like we can come back from any deficit."

It's a feeling the Steelers (1-3) have been searching for during a shaky opening month of the season. Trailing by four at halftime, coach Mike Tomlin made a move that long seemed inevitable by putting Pickett in for the erratic Mitch



New York Jets quarterback Zach Wilson (2) makes a touchdown catch as Pittsburgh Steelers safety Minkah Fitzpatrick (39) defends during the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022, in Pittsburgh.

Associated Press

Trubisky.

The 20th overall pick in the draft showed flashes of why Pittsburgh was so high on him, becoming the first quarterback in NFL history

to run for two touchdowns in his first game. The second was a 2-yard scramble that gave the Steelers (1-3) a 20-10 lead with 13:41 remaining. □

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